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MAY BE SYDNEY'S SECRET WEAPON

Croatias in clash of the century



• Luka Bonacic raises both fists in triumph and is congratulated by Steve Gojevic, Davor Todoric and Josip Biskic after scoring the winning goal in the 1986 Buffalo Gold Cup final. See story page 7. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

By
CRAIG MACKENZIE

ate Rumora from Dinamo Zagreb could line-up which clashes with Melbourne Igele Shield match at Olympic Park at winning club pocketing \$5,000.

Saturday, would be one of a host of stars to what should be an enthralling encounter

ers of the Buffalo and Ampol Cups will be in on Sunday. Melbourne Croatia's Gary Ward

Zarko Odzakovic will be the heart of Sydney's midfield, displaying qualities which won him a superb berth last year. He doubt still make off-

ham Jennings, who is Sydney Croatia's only forward, comes face to face with Josip Biskic. It may be strange, but if Rumora, Jennings' job may be more difficult for Na-

don't underestimate He knows most of the Melbourne Croatia players

and will be well aware of the side's strength down the right.

Bleiberg switched both Deankovic and Biskic to the left in Melbourne Croatia's 3-2 semi-final win over George Cross and may consider a similar ploy to confuse flood match plan.

The clash between Melbourne Croatia's Dave McIntosh and Sydney Croatia's striker Graham Arnold should be well worth watching. McIntosh and Carl Gilder of George Cross had an almighty battle in the Buffalo Gold Cup semi. Gilder rarely turned past McIntosh and Arnold will find that task awesome.

Similarly, the battle between one of Melbourne Croatia's unsung heroes, the ever reliable George Hannah, and Sydney Croatia's Jurin will be spellbinding. Jurin has skill to burn while Hannah is one of the really great competitors in the National League — that means that we're in for a treat when they confront each other.

Sydney Croatia is almost certain to try to catch out its Melbourne foe on the break. Indeed, such a tactic has be-

come Sydney Croatia's hallmark.

Melbourne Croatia's sweeper Tony Curcio will be kept on his toes throughout this absorbing encounter.

Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia met three times last year with the Victorian outfit winning each time. In the Croatia Cup in Adelaide, Melbourne Croatia won 1-0 with McIntosh the scorer. In their clash to celebrate the opening of North Geelong's new complex, Melbourne Croatia won 2-0

with goals by Biskic and Ward and in a friendly in Sydney, Melbourne Croatia won 3-1 with Ward scoring twice.

At the risk of sounding parochial, I'm going for Melbourne Croatia to win what could prove the clash of the century. I'll certainly be at Olympic Park on Sunday to watch the skill and hair of Steve Gojevic, Jurin, Biskic, Odzakovic, Bonacic, Mally Savor, Davor Todoric and hopefully Rumora.

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Part of the sponsorship includes pre-match overnight stays for all of Lions' games in the Victorian capital this season.

And Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith is ecstatic.

"Last year many of the players complained of tiredness just before the match after travelling for several hours. It made us very vulnerable in the opening minutes and in quite a few matches in Melbourne last year we conceded early goals," Arrowsmith said.

This year Lions will travel to Melbourne on Saturday afternoon and the team will spend the night at a leisure activity or discussing the next day's match. The morning will include a light training run, and a specially prepared brunch.

"Food proved another problem when we were travelling. We could never get the right food at the right time and subsequently the players were eating not enough early on or too much too close to the game," Arrowsmith said.

"But Foster's are organising their hotels to give us special high energy food-stuffs mid-morning. It's a very professional approach and we are grateful for the assistance from Carlton."

Lions presently are on their north Queensland tour, also part of the sponsorship, and played three matches last week as a final warm-up for the NSL season.

— RICKY ROSSO

Belic: watch out for JUST!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Led by the legendary Drago Sekularac and equipped with the finest attack since the days of Slobodan Zoraja and Branko Buljevic, Footscray JUST is set for its best season in the NSL.

And its success, says midfielder Vlatko Belic, will be the result of Sekularac's professional approach and the toughest training regime the players ever have undertaken.

Belic and his team-mates are undaunted by the realisation that they must finish at least in the top five if they are to be included in the elite 14-team league next year.

"The players realise that finishing in the top five is the only way we'll survive in the league," he says, "and we're all determined to do it."

Sekularac has been training his men six and seven times a week since he arrived from Yugoslavia along with his three recruits, Vlado Stotic, Zoran Nikitovic and Vojislav Vukcevic. More recruits were being considered as we went to press — Steve Dimovski from Western Suburbs, Paul Simic from Broadmeadows and Vlado Bozovski from Hellas.

JUST showed a sign of things to come when it thrashed Makedonia 6-1 in a practice match. Stotic, from Red Star, was sensational, and Ossi Latif scored a hat-trick.

"We've finally got a strike force that looks for the ball, that's willing to take on opponents and shoot at every opportunity. Stotic and Latif look like the best we've had since Buljevic and Zoraja," Belic said.

Belic, 24, is in his eighth senior season with JUST. His first game was against Brisbane City in 1978, but when Zdravko Lujic and Igor Hazabent arrived from Yugoslavia, he lost his place and didn't become a regular until 1980.

He's been quite a heavy smoker and admits that it's affected his fitness but to cope with Sekularac's training demands, he's reduced his smoking by half, and hasn't touched a drink in a month.

"I used to light up after training. Now I'm so tired I can't even look at a smoke," he says.

Belic and goalkeeper Nikitovic have been training seven days a week, while others are getting away with only six nights.

"It's been doing us the world of good," he says. "Players have to be fit to play in this league. Fitness is even more important than skill."

Last year I was troubled by my Achilles and my ankles. It took me half a season to get



• J.U.S.T.'s new strike force, Vlado Stotic (left) and Ossi Latif.

properly fit, then I got injured again and finished up missing half the season.

"Now I'm on the way to being fitter than I've ever been. So too are the other players. They don't like it much, having to go every night, but they're not saying much about it. It won't go on indefinitely. Probably another two weeks at this level, and then we'll taper off."

"But you'll see a drastic improvement by JUST. In the past, you'd see players complaining if the balls weren't played directly to their feet. Against Makedonia there were no complaints at all. Everyone was willing to chase, because they all felt so fit."

"It was a big contrast to our game against Makedonia in the Buffalo Cup because that night, we all had lead in our legs from the hard training. Now the soreness is slowly disappearing as we get more used to this level of training."

"In the past, we never trained the night before a game. But we've been doing that under Seki. I've found it keeps your body in rhythm. You train in the evening, then you're raring to get stuck into a real game the next day."

A good season is way overdue as far as Belic is concerned. He's been waiting for so long, as has Lujic. "I've been saying to myself every year that this would be the big one. You want something to show for your efforts. A little trophy, maybe. But it's been depressing at JUST because we've always been so far down the ladder. It will change this year, mark my words."

Sekularac, star of two World Cup campaigns with Yugoslavia, takes part in ball work and spends a lot of time at training with goalkeepers Nikitovic and Zoran Vlainic. His brilliant skills remain intact.

"He's unbelievable with the ball," says Belic. "He sells you dummies and it's very hard to read him. He's got a great shot with both feet and he can still beat you with the ball in confined areas. The only way to get the ball off him is to kick him in the leg."

Centre back Vukcevic, who looked slow and sluggish in the Buffalo Cup, has improved a lot as his fitness increases. "He was carrying a bit of weight and he was running in the heat with his track suit on to help him get it down," Belic says.

Simic, a former JUST top scorer who wants to return from Broadmeadows after almost a year away from soccer, also has a lot of weight to shed. He is certain to be signed.

Stotic, 21, is adjusting more quickly than the other two imports.

Belic raves about the boy.

"He's got no fitness problem at all, he's very skilful and he likes to take on opponents, just like Ossi Latif. It's very hard to steal the ball from him because he shields it so well. He played outside right against Makedonia, but he cut inside a lot, and he's prepared to shoot."



• Vlatko Belic (centre) battles against Graham Honeyman (right) and Vic Bozanic in a game against WA-Hellas.

"We led 5-0 at half time, and four of us came off at half time. Had we stayed on, we would have won by a lot more than 6-1. We outran them, we were much fitter, and there was no frustration in our side, as there had been in the past."

Belic said that Sekularac was aiming to have a bigger squad than previously, so that players have to fight for their positions. "It's well known that certain players have been assured of their place, week in, week out, no matter what. Increasing the size of the squad is the

best thing that could possibly be done," Belic says.

Belic speculates that Sekularac probably wants him to play a more defensive midfield role this year, to balance the more attacking qualities of fellow midfielder Ernie Tapai and Zdravko Lujic on the wing.

Nikitovic will be in goal, Ljube Petrovski at right back, Vukcevic at sweeper, Tom Karic at stopper and Stotic and Latif up front. That takes care of nine positions.

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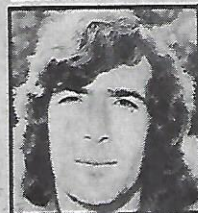
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World Cup count-down: No. 7-NORTHERN IRELAND



• Pat Jennings

PAT SET FOR RECORD

By PAUL MOON

Northern Ireland will appear in World Cup finals for the third time.

In 1958 (after disposing of Italy in the qualifying rounds), it beat Czechoslovakia twice and drew with Cup holder West Germany, while 1982 saw the Irish finish above host Spain and the highly-rated Yugoslavs to reach the second stage. Little wonder then that Northern Ireland is recognised as the most persistent of international football's giant-killers.

Great hopes exist for the Irish to collect another scalp or two in Mexico. Perhaps expectations are too high.

Northern Ireland opens its campaign in Guadalajara against an Algerian team far more familiar with the inevitable hot conditions.

The Irishmen are notoriously vulnerable when facing opponents who, on paper, appear weaker (Finland beat them in the qualifying rounds, whereas Turkey ended aspirations during the last European Championship) and the north Africans are fully capable of creating a surprise on June 3.

Four days later, Northern Ireland meets a Spanish side surely intent upon gaining revenge for the 1-0 defeat suffered at Valencia in 1982 and the Group D programme is completed with a game against Norway favorite Brazil on June 12.

Northern Ireland's greatest strength is an amazing team spirit, strong enough to turn a team composed largely of undistinguished English League professionals into a combination of strength, determination, fire and not a little flair.

That spirit enabled the Irish to come through the crucial climax of their qualifying round without the aid of injured stal-

warts John McLelland, Martin O'Neill and Billy Hamilton. At the time of writing, the fates of this trio was still in doubt.

However, evergreen Pat Jennings appears certain to be in Mexico, by then probably the most capped player in international soccer history.

Every neutral will hope he caps off a remarkable career by helping write another chapter in the Irish giant-killing saga.

Although Northern Ireland ranks among the World Cup's 'little people', there is nothing small about Norman Whiteside — either in physique or ability.

Whiteside made an enormous impression as a 17-year-old in Spain and subsequently has become one of the superstars of English domestic soccer. Now comes an opportunity to enhance his reputation worldwide.

Possible Squad:

PAT JENNINGS (Tottenham Hotspur): One of the most popular figures in modern international soccer. 41 on June 12 (when Northern Ireland met Brazil in Jalisco), he became a professional in 1963 upon leaving home town amateur club Newry Town to join Watford. Won FA Cup winners' medals at Arsenal and Tottenham, plus a UEFA Cup winners' memento with the latter, but it is his feats for Northern Ireland which have assured him of a place in world football folklore. Beat Dino Zoff's world record for international appearances by a goalkeeper when winning his 113th cap against England in November 1984 and should overtake Bjorn Nordqvist's 115 game total before the finals start.

JIM PLATT (Coleraine): In

Jennings' shadow since making Northern Ireland debut in 1976, but has still collected over 20 caps when the great man was unavailable through club commitments or injuries.

GEORGE DUNLOP (Linfield): Likeliest to succeed Jennings and Platt when they retire, he won his first senior cap in 1985, three years after travelling to Spain as third-string goalkeeper.

MAL DONAGHY (Luton Town): Equally able at left back, right back, centre back or in midfield, but originally a goalkeeper with his first club — the Post Office Social Club. After playing for other minor Irish outfits, Cromac Albion and Larne, he moved across the Irish Sea to join Luton in 1978.

ALLAN MCDONALD (Queen's Park Rangers): The revelation of the qualifying round campaign, being superb against both Romania (on his senior international debut) and England.

JIMMY NICHOLL (West Bromwich Albion): A familiar, flame-haired figure in the defence of Manchester United throughout the late 1970s, before moving, in turn, to Tottenham, Sunderland, Glasgow Rangers and West Bromwich Albion.

JOHN O'NEILL (Leicester City): A utility defender who moved to Leicester from home town amateur club Derry Athletic in 1979 shortly after graduating from university. Made only a substitute's appearance (against France) during the last World Cup finals, but likely

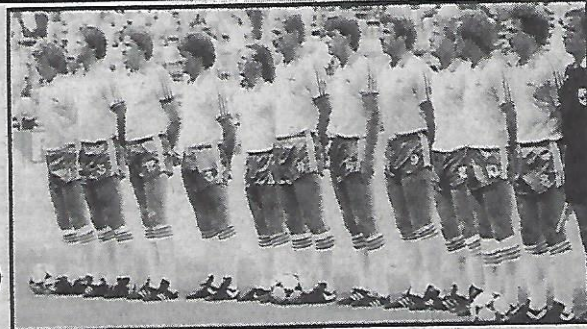
to experience more activity this time.

JOHN MCCLELLAND (Watford): Missed business end of World Cup qualifiers, being sidelined by a broken toe. He was a great success in Spain four years ago, after rising from obscurity (Portadown, Cardiff City, Bangor City and Mansfield Town) to captain Glasgow Rangers. His \$450,000 transfer to Watford two years ago was a major factor in that club's success in fighting against relegation.

MARTIN O'NEILL (Notts County): Out of action for over a year with a knee injury, this tierrier of a midfielder will travel to Mexico as the squad's commercial manager if unable to regain full fitness. Won a string of domestic and European honors during 10 years at Nottingham Forest (1971-81), before moving to Norwich City, then Notts County. Begun his career with Derry City.

BERNARD McNALLY (Shrewsbury Town): A fringe member of the squad, who had yet to make an international debut at the beginning of this year. Born in England, but eligible to wear the emerald green jersey by virtue of having an Irish father. Religious convictions forbid him from playing on Sundays, which could create problems if he breaks into the team and Ireland reaches the second stage of the finals.

PAUL RAMSEY (Leicester City): Ultra-competitive midfielder-cum-defender who joined Leicester from Derry Athletic in 1980 and first don-



• Northern Ireland: Jennings, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Donaghy, McCreery, Hamilton, Whiteside, Armstrong, J. Nicholl, McIlroy, M. O'Neill.

ned an Irish jersey four years later.

GERRY ARMSTRONG (West Bromwich Albion): Striker with good all-round skills who equalled Joe Bambrick's long-standing Irish international goalscoring record of 12 when netting against Finland in November, 1984. One of the few who perform far better for their country than club, he was voted Britain's best performer at the last World Cup finals.

COLIN CLARKE (Bournemouth): Plucked from English League Division Three for Ireland's qualifying round squad, he is a live-wire striker. Despite being only 23, has played for four other clubs — Gillingham, Ipswich Town (no first team appearance), Peterborough United and Tranmere Rovers.

NIGEL WORTHINGTON (Sheffield Wednesday): Moved across the Irish Sea to Notts County from Ballymena United in a \$140,000 transfer during 1981, shortly after being named Ireland's Young Player of the Year, and a \$160,000 brought him to Sheffield Wednesday in 1984.

NOEL BROTHERTON (Blackburn Rovers): A prematurely balding, 29-year-old whose pace and ball control make him a potential match winner, either as winger or midfielder. Brilliant throughout Northern Ireland's 1980 British Championship triumph, he toured Australia in the same year. After making just one league appearance for his original club, Tottenham Hotspur, he joined Blackburn in

1977 and has subsequently become one of the most popular individuals in the history of that famous club.

DAVID MCCREERY (Newcastle United): A human dynamo of a midfielder who started his senior international career 10 years ago and gained his 50th senior cap in the crucial game at Bucharest. Previously with Manchester United, Queen's Park Rangers and Tulsa Roughnecks (USA), he has also represented Northern Ireland at schoolboys, youth and under 21 levels.

SAMMY MCILROY (Manchester City): Another squad veteran (31 years of age with over 80 caps — a record for an Irish outfield player). Spent 10 years at Manchester United, before moving to Stoke City in 1981, but is now back in Manchester — at City.

JIMMY QUINN (Blackburn Rovers): Assured of a special place in Irish World Cup history as a result of his crucial goal in Bucharest, yet only three years ago was playing in the semi-professional Cheshire League. After leaving Oswestry Town, he spent a season with Swindon Town, before a \$65,000 transfer took the enthusiastic striker to Blackburn Rovers, and a long stint on the substitutes' bench before eventually winning a place in the English Second Division club's starting line up.

IAN STEWART (Newcastle United): An extrovert character who has reserved his best performances for Northern Ireland, he joined Newcastle

from Queen's Park Rangers in a \$300,000 transfer.

NORMAN WHITESIDE (Manchester United): Made a sensational impact in 1982, after travelling to Spain as an uncapped 17-year-old. Both the youngest player to appear in the World Cup finals and youngest to score in the FA Cup final, he was converted from striker to midfielder last season.

STEVE PENNEY (Brighton): Very promising young winger who has made rapid strides since Brighton paid Ballymena United \$60,000 for him late in 1982.

BILLY HAMILTON (Oxford United): Missed most of the 1985 — 86 English League campaign with a knee injury, but his proven record at international level should assure him of a place in the squad if fitness is regained. A robust, six-foot striker who served Linfield, Queen's Park Rangers and Burnley before moving to Oxford in a \$180,000 transfer immediately before United's 1984 — 85 Second Division championship-winning campaign.

BILLY BINGHAM (Coventry): A craftsman of a winger with Glenfortran, Sunderland, Luton Town, Everton, Port Vale and Northern Ireland (56 caps — including 5 won during 1958 World Cup finals). As a coach, he served Southport, Plymouth Argyle, Greece, Northern Ireland (1967 — 1971), Everton and Mansfield Town, before starting a second stint in charge of the Irish national team in 1980.

How they got there

European Group Three: v Finland 0-1 (away), 2-1 (home); v Romania 3-2 (home), 1-0 (away); v England 0-1 (home), 0-0 (away); v Turkey 2-1 (home), 0-0 (away).

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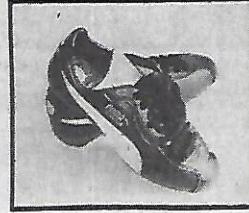
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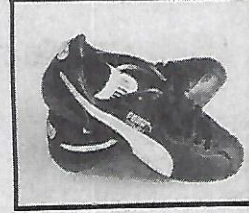
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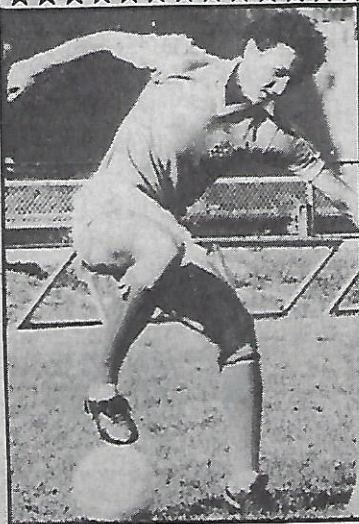


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Jurin's goal makes up for stars' bad night



NSW AMPOL CUP

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Jurin 37th) INTER-MONARO 0, NSW Ampol Cup final at St. George Stadium. Crowd 9027. Referee: G. Power 8. Cautions: Walsh (IM).

SYD. CROATIA: Watson 7 — Rezo 7, M. Kovacic 10, Rozic 8, Jennings 7, Williams 5 — Walsh 6 (Perinovic 67th), Carbone 8, Wetherston 5 — Trajanovski 5, Winn 5 (D'Adario 80th), Giampaolo 6. **Coach:** Frank Maccaroni.

Man of the match:
MARIJAN KOVICIC
(Syd. Croatia)



with ALEX VESIC

With a more enterprising attitude, I feel Inter Monaro could have done better. But with a game which provided Inter with one step forward and two steps back, it was obvious that the visitors from Queanbeyan were not going to score.

So much good work was done by Attilio Carbone and Ricky Budini. Alas, Steve Winn (once again), Victor Trajanovski and Ian Wetherston were out of touch and that is just too much of a start for a team like Croatia.

Its determination to sit back and play counter-attacking football almost paid off a few times for Croatia's shrewd coach. And in each of the counter-attacking raids, Croatia relied on the long-legged, fast-running Zeljko Jurin.

He provided Shane Clinch with a chance in the 68th but Clinch headed over the bar. He was electrifying in the 81st, running for almost 40 metres and combating some four to five players but his pass, which found Dragicevic, was in vain — the final shot going wide.

Jurin missed a fine opportunity in the 72nd after four of Croatia's players had been involved in a great move. Jurin hit his shot high and handsome, metres over the bar.

A header by Dragicevic in the 70th was saved by Hoszowski while Kero shot wide from a good position close to the end.

For Inter-Monaro a shot by Wetherston was smothered by Watson in the 51st, but the only chance that came Inter's way was in the 60th minute. For once, Giampaolo turned Rozic and came to the by-line before cutting his cross back for Wetherston, metres away from the line, but ever alert Rozic and Kovacic were on the spot to make sure nothing came of it.

And the winning goal: Wally Savor pushed the ball through for Jurin in the 37th. For a moment it looked as if Jurin had gone too wide and could not do much with the angle getting tighter and tighter. But with Hoszowski off his line, Jurin was able to squeeze his shot past the advancing keeper to give Croatia the Cup.

played at a pedestrian pace, with Melita showing far more initiative.

During the first 45 minutes, yawns all over the ground failed to make an impression on the 22 players. Olympic lacked zip and struggled against Melita's youthful side. Bourke, Raskopoulos and Soper did not make a formidable midfield combination and I am sure that Manfred Schaefer has learned from this experiment.

Vicente Estavillo came on the park after an injury to Marshall Soper but failed to stamp his authority on the already disjointed Olympic machine.

At the other end, Melita enjoyed a fair amount of possession and should have netted at least three times. With the scoreline 1-0 to Olympic, Melita created opportunities which should not have been missed!

Olympic, apart from that gift goal, created next to nothing, with the best chance going to Stuart Stevenson with 10 minutes remaining but his volley missed by 20 metres!

Despite losing, Melita retained its pride. Farrugia, Griffiths, Laing and Farnsworth sat on the sideline with injuries and one might suggest that those four would have made an awful amount of difference.

WHAT A YAWN!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Phillips 58th) MELITA EAGLES 0, play-off for third place at St George Stadium. Referee: Richard Lorenc 9. Cautions: Lambropoulos, Bourke.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: London 7 — Phillips 7, Dakos 7, Stankovic 7, Lambropoulos 6 (Rogers 46th — 6) — Bourke 5, Raskopoulos 6, Soper (60th Estavillo) — Brandt 5, Stevenson 5, Kalantzis 6.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7 — McCoy 7, McAusland 7, Wilson 8, Williams 7 — Stone 6 (Hassan 67th), Serbas 6, Vial 6 — Dalton 5, Foxman 5, Meerbani 6 (Callanan 78th).

"We will be known as Santa Eagles after this game," quipped Kenny Wilson, Melita's centre back, after his team had gone down to Sydney Olympic.

Dragan Pupovac, Melita's young goalkeeper, threw a short pass to a defender who in turn found Birlo Serbas some 27 metres from Melita's goal line. Gary Phillips pinched the ball and lobbed it over the stranded Pupovac. That was the goal which separated the two sides at the end of the most boring match so far this year.

Treated by both teams as a mere workout, it was

Diamataris powers Port



• Former Australian international and current player coach of Essendon Triestina Billy Vojtek breaks away from West Brunswick's Vasalla during last weekend's Victorian League Cup. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO

FERNTREE GULLY 1 (Steenbergen 85th) PORT MELBOURNE 2 (Diamataris 45th, 58th), Victorian League Cup match at Knox Park, Saturday.

FERNTREE GULLY: Stenhouse 6, Bailey 7, Vaughan 7, Munro 7, Sinclair 6, Thom 8, Rigby 7, Whitehead 6, Steenbergen 7, Sullivan 6, Ireson 6.

PORT MELB: Dossis 7, Kourtelis 7, Sismanis 8, Akritidis 8, Koutalas 8, Karpidis 6, Nikolaidis 6, Takavos 6, Diamataris 9, Kouroukidis 7, Michalakopoulos 6.

Ferntree Gully can be excused for asking: What do you have to do to win a game? Chance after chance went begging and Gully also had 25 unproductive corners and seven shots saved by the woodwork!

Take nothing away from Port though. It fought out the game to the end and showed desperation and teamwork which surely will change last year's image of being a chopping block for opposition teams.

Port hit the front when Diamataris received a pin-point cross from Karpidis, chested it down and hammered the ball past a hapless Stenhouse.

In the second half Gully

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came out with all guns firing. Chances were created and missed but it seemed just a matter of time before Gully would equalise. But Diamataris put paid to that when he received the ball on the half-way line. With most Gully players in the forward line looking for the equaliser, Diamataris rounded Munro, the only defender in sight, then went past the keeper and slotted home his second.

But Gully kept up its barrage. Port defended strongly and kept Gully out until Steenbergen pulled one back with five minutes to go.

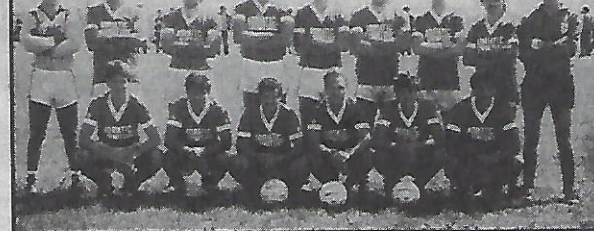
KNOX CITY 1 (Nelson 69th) NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Moyle 18th, Mullett 10th), after extra time, Victorian League Cup match at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: Long, Sais, Short (Moyle 18th), Mullett (10th), Holmes, Pate, Nelson, Tunstall, Phillips, Jones, Coach: C. Kelly.

NUNAWADING CITY: Barker (Groenewald, 45), Chiaravalle, McCombe, Hurleston, Mullett, Bastasin (Roggero 74), Moyle, Nelles, Middlemast, Coach: J. Adam.

Phillips picked up the ball 25 metres out in the 65th minute and unleashed a tremendous shot that was goal bound until Mader made a brilliant one-handed save to force a corner.

Three minutes later, Nunawading took the lead. Bastasin broke clear but his shot was parried by Long. The ball rebounded to Bastasin who squared it across the face of goal to Moyle and he side-foot-



• Essendon Triestina, back row: Alex Fantoma, Tony Mainenti, Carlo Delporto, Michael Giacomini, Origlio Grbac, Dario Zavattiero, Chris Powell, Billy Vojtek (player coach), Michael Bonadio. Front: Frank Mussella, Carlo Sabidussi, Manuel Manini, Harry Dilizza, John Sorani, Joe Morkouj. Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO

ed it under the diving Long.

In the 69th minute, the home team equalised when Billy Brindle drove a long ball into the area. Mader, at the back of the pack, only could palm the ball away and Nelson lobbed over the defence and into the net.

Nunawading sealed the match with six minutes left. A crossfield ball found Roggero who squeezed past one defender before squaring the ball to Mullett who picked his spot from close range and hammered the ball home.

ESSENDON TRIESTINA 2 (Zavattiero 55th, 75th) WEST BRUNSWICK 1 (Gaitan 83rd), Victorian League Cup match, Saturday.

ESSENDON TRIESTINA: A. Fantoma, H. Dilizza, J. Morkouj, O. Grbac, F. Mussella, C. Sabidussi, C. Delporto, T. Mainenti, M. Giacomini, B. Vojtek, D. Zavattiero, Subs: M. Manini, C. Powell, J. Sorani.

WEST BRUNSWICK: R. Perdomo, J. Rodriguez, F. Vasalla, G. Gopez, J. Gopez, A. Gaitan, F. Del Campo, A. Salvo, G. Alfonso, G.

DANDENONG CITY (Bone 50th, Donnelly 70th, Spencer 85th) MOORABBIN 0

O'NONG: Galsworthy, Delaney, Gadsby, Kresvan, Smith, Phillips, Johnson, Skromlji, Donnelly, Spencer, Bon, Subs: J. Dapens, McCrumb, Wilde.

MOORABBIN: O'Connell, Morgan, Dourmas, Tierney, Laverty, Senese, Calladine, Martin, Thomas, Senese, Bns Reserves Harris.

Dandenong has three top players at its line up — Gary Porter (defence), Paul Luca (midfield) and Jim Dapens — player/coach — resting injury.

Moorabbin had eliminated Keilor, last year's finalists (defeated by Melb on penalties).

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Falcons want Hillmen

• Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons was expected to make a joint bid for striker Peter Verechia and midfielder Andy Hughes of Box Hill as we went to press. We understand that Verechia has agreed terms with Morwell. Hughes is listed at \$6,000, even though he joined Box Hill as a free player in 1982.

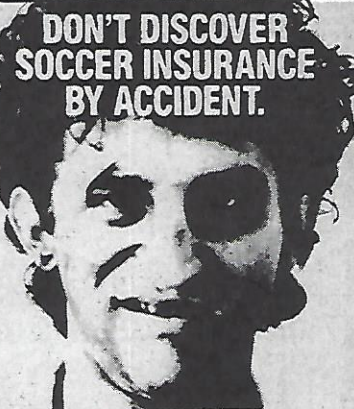
National Cup changes

The following amendments have been made to the first round of the National Cup:
Green Gully v Croydon now at Olympic Park on the evening of March 26.

Juventus v Croatia and Heidelberg v Makedonia double-header re-scheduled from Sunday March 23, to Saturday night March 22.

Springvale-Moorabbin final

• Springvale City Cup results: Springvale City "A" 1 (D'Amico) Springvale United 0, Moorabbin City 3 (Stevens, Senese, Crivar, o.s.) Westall Inter 3 (Pignatelli, Dangelo 43, Diorio).
The grand-final between Springvale City "A" and Moorabbin City will be played tomorrow (Thursday) at Ross Reserve, Memorial Drive, Noble Park, at 7.30 pm.



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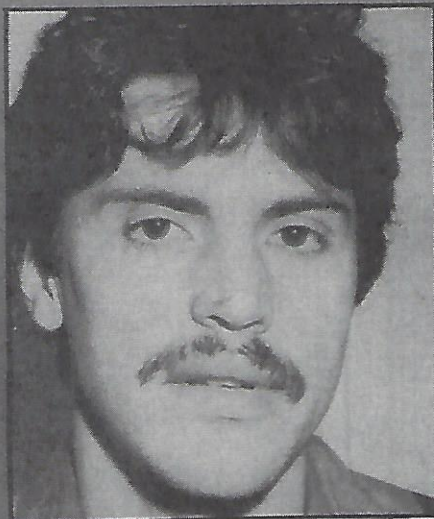
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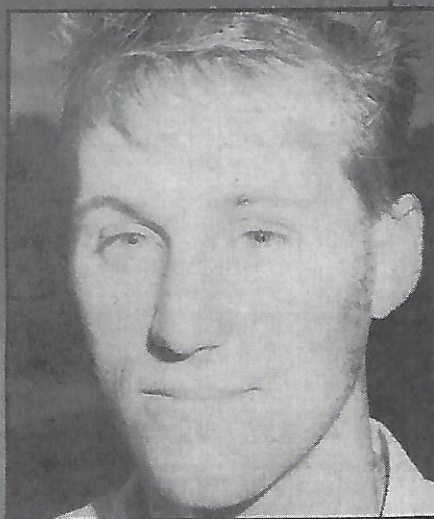
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● Back row: Con Angelovski (team manager), Gary Cole, Con Opasinis, Ian Roodhouse, Billy Piculovski, Phil Traianedes, Stuart Lee, Steve Smith, Paul Koussas, Bill Murray (coach). Front row: Ron Campbell, George Petrov, Nick van Egmond, Ian Dobson, Graham Heys, Mike McLennan, Mile Necovski, Sean Lane. The insets focus on four of the newcomers to Murray's first team squad. Bottom left is Nick van Egmond, a

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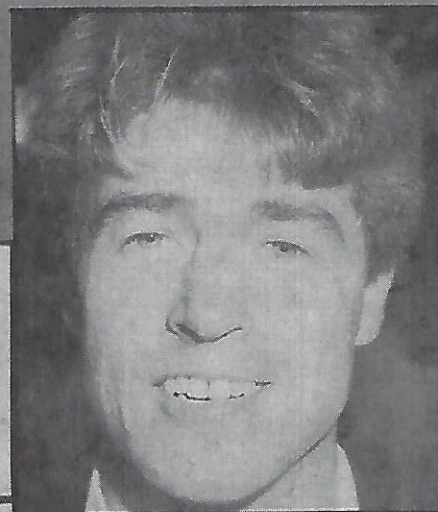
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AWAY

Round 1, March 30: v Brisbane City. Round 3, April 13: v West Adelaide Hellas. Round 5, May 4: v Green Gully. Round 6, May 11: v South Melbourne Hellas. Round 9, June 8: v Heidelberg Alexander. Round 12, June 29: v Brisbane Lions. Round 14, July 13: v Adelaide City Juventus. Round 17, August 10: v Brunswick Juventus. Round 18, August 17: v Melbourne Croatia. Round 20, August 31: v George Cross. Round 21, Sept 7: v Footscray JUST.



former Mornington, Nunawading City, Hellas-Hakoah and Ringwood Wilhelmina player. Above left is Mile Necovski, Makedonia's import from Pelister in Yugoslavia. Above right is Ron Campbell from West Perth Macedonia, the 1985 West Australian Rothmans Medal winner and below right is Mike McLennan, youth Socceroo, who joined from the Institute of Sport.



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GARDINER'S CREEK RESERVE
CAULFIELD CITY V Oakleigh at 1.15pm, followed by **WESTERN SUBURBS V Yarraville**.

SMITH RESERVE
MELBOURNE-HUNGARIA V Altona Gate-Vardar at 1.15pm, followed by **FAWKNER V Doncaster Rovers**.

CHURCHILL RESERVE
SUNBURY V Doveton at 1.15pm, followed by **ST ALBANS DINAMO V Nunawading City**.

CROYDON PARK
KNOX CITY V Clairinda at 1.15pm, followed by **CROYDON V Dandenong City**.

WEMBLEY PARK
BROADMEADOWS V Sandringham City at 1.15pm, followed by **BOX HILL V Northcote**.

MONTREY RESERVE
POLONIA V North Dandenong at 1.15pm, followed by **FRANKSTON PINES V Werribee**.

ROSS RESERVE
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA V Springvale United at 1.15pm, followed by **SPRINGVALE CITY V Mooroolbark**.

PARTRIDGE RESERVE
Albion Turk Gucu V BULLEEN at 1.15pm, followed by **Thomastown V MORWELL FALCONS**.

for Polonia should be the return from injury of goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski and striker Janusz Przybyla, the latter likely to partner Greg Warszawski in Polonia's attack.

North Dandenong's new signings are Steve Lawson (from Frankston Pines for \$1,300), former JUST defender Jim Milne (from Mor-dialloc on a free), David Wainwright (from Doveton), and Mitchell Pitbeam (from Knox). The losses have been Steve McCombe (to Nunawading City) and Ian Mackie and Alistair Taylor (both to Dingley).

Lawson is likely to line up as sweeper with Milne stopper. Neil Collier probably will be right back and Wainwright left back in midfield. North Dandenong coach Arthur McMillan may use John Byrne, Tommy Fox and Pitbeam with Jason Symonds, Mark Congdon and John McDonald up front. McMillan decides to use four in mid-field then Gary Buck could come into the starting line-up with one of the forwards dropping out.

Frankston Pines will be too strong for Werribee in the second match at Montre-y Reserve.

In Stan Webster, Ally Dick, Mick McGorian, Goran Runje and Paul Hennessy Pines have an abundance of attacking flair, too much for Werribee to stifle.

Werribee's only new signings this year are Seb Mag-nans from Sunbury and goalkeeper Angelo Meletis from Moreland. The club has high hopes for young striker Greg Lograsso and one of Werribee's stars, 20-year-old Ian Calderwood, is recovering from knee problems. Former Altona City and Sunshine player Peter Scar-let will be in Werribee's defence with Gus Paolo, runner-up in the First Division's best and fairest voting last year, up front.

Wilhelmina, with recruit Stuart Thomson in its line-up, should beat Springvale United in the first match of a double header at Ross Reserve. But a word of warning to Wilhelmina. Don't take Springvale United lightly for it is a very skilful if sometimes inconsistent outfit. It certainly can turn it on when it puts its mind to it.

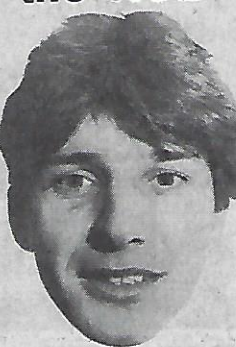
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Ermas Wondimu, Johnny Nyholt and Kenny Stewart will be in Wilhelmina's attack and should do enough to save the State League side from embarrassment.

Springvale City still was trying to sort out the Greg House affair in order to use the gifted striker against Mooroolbark in the second match at Ross Reserve.

If the web of intrigue involving Springvale City, Melbourne Croatia and Knox can be unravelled, thereby enabling House to play and Springvale's other addition to its attack, Russell Athersych, arrives from England in time then the Springvale line-up could look something like this: Bill Whiteside, Martin Vogel, Keith Adams, Michael Biesinger, Robin Settle — Ged Bannon, Gordon Bentley, Jim Nelson — Joe D'Amico, House, Athersych.

Tuffield to the NSL?



Pedro Ramos seeks move

Pedro Ramos, 24, one of the finest midfielders in the Victorian State League, has been transfer-listed at his own request by Box Hill for \$5000.

Born in Chile, he joined Box Hill eight years ago as an under 16 player. He has played for the Victorian youth team and was a member of the Victorian schoolboys side that beat NSW in the national schoolboys final in Brisbane a few years ago.

His team-mates at Box Hill have included Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine who went on to play NSL soccer for Heidelberg, Alexander, and Ian Roodhouse and Steve Smith who are now with Preston Macedonia.

A skilful, two-footed player who averages seven or eight goals a year from mid-field, Ramos can be obtained at home on (03) 874 6936.

Top scorer dumped!

Brendan Lakic, 28, top scorer of Thomastown for the past two seasons, has been transfer-listed for only \$2500.

The decision by new coach George McMillan not to include Lakic in his 18-man squad is a puzzling one, as Lakic scored 10 goals last year and 16 goals in 1984.

He was also joint top scorer of Polonia, with 14 goals in one of his six seasons there. He also won Polonia's best and fairest award.

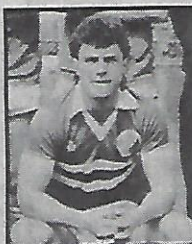
Lakic can be contacted at home on (03) 380 4543.

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Hellas star Alun Evans and the nippy Alex Fenton up front. Sandringham will stretch Broadmeadows.

Broadmeadows coach Billy McArthur hoped to complete the signing of striker Ian Loughnane from Fawkner in time for this match. There's \$2,500 on Loughnane's head and if signed in time, he'll partner Davie Griffith and Dave Perkins in midfield. Broadmeadows hopes rest with Stewart Blair and George Watson. They'll be pitted against Brian Greenwood and Tony Dillon of Sandringham.

Broadmeadows should win but I wouldn't mind betting that this one goes right down to the wire. Box Hill will be without Peter Verechia, Andy Hughes and Pedro Ramos when it clashes with Northcote in the second match at Wembley Park. It still should win though as Northcote isn't financially viable enough to splash out on new players and lacks Box Hill's depth. Verechia was expected to join Morwell Falcons as we went to press while Hughes



● Danny Zemunik (Caulfield)

and Ramos were transfer listed last week after a breakdown in negotiations over new contracts.

Despite the demise of last year's first team squad, Polonia should defeat North Dandenong in the first match of a double header at Montre-y Reserve.

Greg Czapiak, who doesn't look suited to the role, has been tried out as sweeper in recent games but North Dandenong isn't strong up front so Polonia fans can rest easy. A plus

'NO' TO ISRAEL

overseas round-up with PAUL MOON.

- The Brazilian federation has relented and will not now suspend Leandro and Renato from its World Cup squad. The pair had earlier been banished from the training camp after failing to return before curfew.
- Despite being a dubious pedigree, the touring USSR team completed its tour of New Zealand without defeat. The Soviets' results against the All Whites were: 1-0 (Auckland), 1-1 (Wellington), 2-1 (Christchurch), 2-0 (Napier) and 4-2 (Gisborne).
- Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong has left West Bromwich Albion for Chesterfield of the English Third Division.

● Argentinian Alfredo Di Stefano, "The White Arrow" of Real Madrid's glory days during the late '50s, has been appointed coach at Valencia. During a previous stint with them, Di Stefano guided Valencia to the Spanish League title.

- UEFA has, yet again, rejected Israel's application to join European soccer's ruling body.
- A report from Munich, as yet unconfirmed, states that sports-wear giant Adidas has offered Bernd Schuster \$800,000 to make himself available for the West German World Cup squad.

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● Bruno Cozzella (Fawkner)

But Mooroolbark won't capitulate easily. It has gone on a buying spree this year, gaining Joe front from Royal Richmond, Paul Priestley, Jimmy Spinks and Peter Killey from Doveton, former Croatia and Wilhelmina player Kevin Adams and Liam Houston from Prahran Celtic.

Second Division club Bulleen could lose First Division rival Albion Turk Gucu out of the 1986 Ricoh Dockerty Cup when they clash in the first match of a double header at

Rigby to Gully

Ferntree Gully has again recruited well, with class players Dave Rigby, Harry McKinley and Terry Masters added to the club's existing successful squad.

Ferntree Gully's hard-working committee believe this year will again be successful, and would welcome the support and patronage of local soccer fans at Rushdale Street, on Saturday, March 22, for what promises to be an entertaining match with Rosanna.

Heidelberg reunion

Life members and all former players of Victorian League Fourth Division club Heidelberg (formerly Heidelberg-Bundoora) are invited to a gala day at the club's headquarters on the corner of Liberty Parade and Banksia Streets, Heidelberg, on Sunday.

Taubmans points will sponsor the festivities and the club will unveil a life members' plaque. Heidelberg's origins date back to the 1920s but the club's first life member was named in 1945. Heidelberg now has 40 life members. Former Wilhelmina and Croatia great, Ollie Norris, is Heidelberg's new coach. Club president "Shocker" Myles is adamant that players won't be paid. This switch to an amateur outlook has been forced on the club due to a debt of \$6,000. Heidelberg recently beat Greensborough in the final of the Darkon Cup and Myles and Norris are confident the team will consolidate its Fourth Division status before climbing back up the leagues.

POLONIA'S SIDE OF THE STORY

Polonia president Richard Makarucha has hit out at my story in last week's "Soccer Action" concerning player problems at the Victorian State League club, claiming that Polonia's situation was misrepresented.

I said that Rick Liparski, Dave Gibson, Janusz Przybyla, Leszek Dzielakowski, John Little, Claude Avian, Darko Kolaric and Sam Deluca were in contractual dispute with Polonia.

"Rick Liparski has never had contractual problems with Polonia. He's been at the club for 10 years and feels that he needs a change. That's why he's on the transfer list," said Makarucha. "We also haven't had contract problems with Dave Gibson who got involved in club politics because he didn't like us sacking Eddie Reid as coach. Janusz Przybyla and Leszek Dzielakowski are injured, not in dispute. Claude Avian and John Little are in a 50/50 situation. They're partly in dispute over contracts. Darko Kolaric was passed off with the coaching last year and didn't like being on the bench in a couple of friendlies this year."

I also said last week that Peter and Greg Czapiak, Savas Sagi-lam, Mirek Welch and John Vathis were transfer listed last year. Sagi-lam had injury problems last year while Kathis transferred to Melbourne.

"They were never transfer listed," said Makarucha. "Peter Czapiak was in dispute with the club because he didn't like the coaching, the same goes for Mirek Welch, while Eddie Reid told Greg Czapiak that he wouldn't make it and Greg had a chronic back problem too."

After refusing to name what I believed was an impeccable source for last week's story, Makarucha told me: "The reporting should be more accurate and should come from people with the authority to comment on club matters. If your source was a Polonia committeeman then he'd be sacked immediately. I reserve the right to vet everything that goes into the press concerning Polonia."

And "Soccer Action" reserves the right to contact whom it pleases and ask any question it pleases without discussing the matter with the president of Polonia or any club official. We still believe in freedom of speech, within the bounds of laws regarding libel and defamation, of course. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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The international experience of Browne and Brabbin has been passed on to their team mates and certainly shows out in the way they dispose of the opposition.

It was great to see both Anthony and Mark Casar back playing for Trak Records, scoring two goals each.

Another new team this season, The Spartans, secured a very impressive 4-2 win over Miki Motos. David Wilson, in his first game in two years, top scored with two lightning quick

goals and provided a steady influence in The Spartans' win.

★ ★ ★
The Womens League continues to improve mainly due to the many male coaches who have shown a real interest in assisting the ladies to improve their ball skills.

was a pleasure to coach these ladies as they show a real keenness to improve."

The Socceros coached by the demanding David Lloyd, have been moulded into an almost unbeatable force with a recent 5-0 win over newcomers Turfites. Goal scorers in this game were Melinda Davey (2),

Liz Davis (2) and Janine Warren.

All Age Men's results: Gippstars 5 Home Pride Crusaders 2, Monash 8 The Wallies 0, Wallabies 8 Trak Records 5, Spartans 4 Miki Motos 2.

All Age Women's results: Socceros 5 Turfites 0, Rico Reds 2 Cats 0, Miki Motos 2 Femme Fatale 0.

Brabbin's the boss

At a recent meeting of players and directors of the Latrobe Valley Indoor Soccer League, Paul Brabbin was unanimously appointed as playing-coach of the Latrobe Valley's first State League team.

Paul has been playing indoor soccer for three years and has represented Australia at the World Championship held in Spain in October 1985, Victoria at both the 1985 and 1986 National Championships, and the Latrobe Valley at the 1985 and 1986 National Club Championships.

Paul recently had success in coaching the Valley team to its second successive state championship in November and he is looking forward to continuing his first-up effort and proving to other state centres that the Valley Tigers are Victoria's premier team.

Wallabies set high standard



● Eliminator 9-3 winners over Carcioffi Rangers, back row: V. Kondinski, M. Giacomi, E. Boin. Front: M. Gennai, M. Terzini, M. Bissetto.

Four goals for Bissetto as Eliminators cruise

Eliminators 9
Carcioffi Rangers 3

Scorers: Eliminators — Bissetto 4, Kondinski 3, Gennai, Giacomi. Carcioffi Rangers — Sella 2, Gattino.

ELIMINATORS: Boin 8, Giacomi 8, Terzini 8, Bissetto 9, Kondinski 9.
RANGERS: Tochetto 7, Cesarin 8, Sella 8, Sparano 7, Gattino 7.

The game began with both teams going for goal in the first minute but the keepers were ready and waiting and no goals were scored.

But the skilful Bissetto worked his way towards goal and scored the first for the Eliminators.

Shots then came from Sparano for the Rangers who was foiled and it was then Kondinski's turn to shoot but he too failed to score.

Sella of Rangers, who played a brilliant game the previous week, tried one of his cannon-like shots but Terzini, the Eliminators' goalkeeper, was not going to be beaten easily. Seven minutes into the game Kondinski tried again for goal but Cesarin saved. A minute later Bissetto intercepted a through ball but

Cesarin managed to get a hand to it and it went over the bar.

Moments later a passing movement from Giacomi to Boin, back to Giacomi and through to Bissetto resulted in the Eliminators' second goal. Two great shots from Tochetto and Sella both failed to add to the score for Rangers.

In the 15th minute, Sella had another shot. The ball was cleared in front of goal, but the resulting scramble saw the ball fall again to Sella's feet and this time he seemed certain to score. His shot beat the keeper but also cleared the bar.

Bissetto made the score 3-0 and the Eliminators fourth goal came soon after when Giacomi's pass to Bissetto then to Kondinski saw the keeper watch the ball go through his hands.

A long throw by Gennai to Giacomi led to the Eliminators' fifth goal. Seconds later another inter-

cepted pass saw Bissetto, normally a left footer, score with a brilliant shot with his right foot.

Two minutes into the second half the Bissetto-Kondinski combination again caught Cesarin off guard and resulted in the seventh goal and the third for Kondinski.

In the 4th minute of the second half a clearance by Rangers found Gattino whose high shot caught out Terzini.

It was Sella who, from two metres out of the penalty area, rifled in a shot and gave Rangers their second goal. More shots from the Eliminators didn't bring goals until the 15th minute when a throw-in saw Bissetto run in and score his fourth goal. A foul by Terzini found the Rangers in with a chance to score again and that they did, with Sella getting his second goal. The score was 8-3.

In the 16th minute Gennai closed the scoring with a shot from an extremely sharp angle.

Frangakis sets Euronations on the path to victory

Euronations 2
Split 0

EURONATIONS: T. Frangakis, J. Frangakis, M. Mahlis, F. Gaudi, C. Sfirou, T. Antoniadis.

SPLIT: A. Pericic, S. Sinkovic, S. Lawson, N. Rangusa, G. Jarakicis.

The crowd knew before the game started that this was going to be a tough encounter as both teams had their sights set on reaching the finals. Split wanted to make up for last year's semi-final loss to Euronations.

The game was tense and started off at a fast pace with both teams creating numerous scoring opportunities but the final shots didn't find the net.

It was not until the 12th minute of the first half that last year's league Best and Fairest winner, Terry Frangakis, rocketed a right foot drive past Jarakicis in goal for Split.

In the 10th minute of the second half, man-

of-the-match Fabio Gaudi scored the Euronations' second goal to clinch the game.

Results: Seniors A — Mutundies 5 Sharp Shooters 0, Euronations 2 Split 0, Makedonia 3 Goodonya 0.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mutundies	1	0	0	5	0	3
Makedonia	1	0	0	3	0	3
Euronations	1	0	0	2	0	3
Split	0	0	1	2	1	1
Goodonya	0	0	1	0	3	1
Cosmos	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oz United	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results: Youth A — Makedonia A 1 United Nations 2, Junior Cosmos 2, Devils 1.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
United Nations	1	0	0	2	1	3
Junior Cosmos	1	0	0	2	1	3
Makedonia B	1	0	0	0	0	3
Makedonia A	0	0	1	1	2	1
Devils	0	0	1	1	2	1

of the net to make it 6-0. Varga scored to make it 7-0 and in the 13th minute the Greeks scored one of their two goals.

In the second half, it was soon 9-1 when first Del Porto and then Severino scored again, then Sorani made it 10-1. The score changed to 10-2 when the Greeks managed another shot, but John Sorani answered quickly, hammering in two blistering shots to make it 12-2.

It is clear that it will take a very good team indeed to beat this goalscoring machine and it looks as if the Triestina boys will be taking home the trophy from Sunshine.

A devilish affair!

Black Devils 12
Golden Greeks 2

Scorers: Black Devils — Sorani 5, Severino 4, Del Porto 2, Varga.

Black Devils: Bonadillo 8, Varga 8, Severino 8, Del Porto 9, Sorani 9.

The Triestina Black Devils trounced the Greek team, continuing on their triumphant march towards the final.

Severino opened up the scoring with Sorani adding a second soon after, and Severino then made the score 4-0 with two quick goals. Del Porto made it 5-0 and Sorani then hit the back



● Velce Kondinski

Sky's the limit for Kondinski

This week's profile features not a well-seasoned player but a youngster who, according to many has an excellent future in soccer.

Velce Kondinski, a 16 year old, in just seven years has won awards many his age only dream about. In his first year with Preston Makedonia, Velce won the Most Improved Player award and twice the Best and Fairest Player award.

He has played indoor soccer for three seasons and has won the Preston League Best and Fairest as well as being on Makedonia's winning team two seasons in a row.

In last year's competition in Morwell, Velce's team was runner-up. The team then played in Sydney for the Australian championship and made the semi-finals only to lose 1-0 to Croatia. Nevertheless, Velce's performance did not go unnoticed and he was picked in the U/18 Australian team.

Asked why he plays indoor soccer, Velce said: "It's a game that keeps me very fit and I enjoy playing with my friends."

Kondinski also is a member of the Preston National League team, the Eliminators, which he really enjoys being a part of, because he finds that competition in this field is more skilful and fiercer, as well as the fact that travelling interstate lets you see how the competition varies in indoor soccer.

What is Velce's aim? What else, to represent the senior Australian indoor soccer team.

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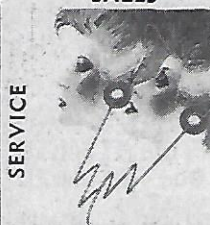
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It's Beograd, Juventus in the final

**Beograd 1
WA-Hellas 0**

Scorer: Greaves 82nd

It's Beograd v Adelaide Juventus in the SA Ampol Cup final at the Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday, March 12) after a king-size

upset and a near upset in the semi-finals.

Beograd defied the odds to eliminate highly fancied West Adelaide Hellas in an extra-time thriller, while Juventus nosed home against Azzurri with a late goal from Adrian Santrac.

There was a tinge of disbelief surrounding Beograd's success over Hellas.

Unquestionably, Hellas had been the star turn of the minor round as it banged in 10 goals and allowed only one in its three games.

And as it picked up its six qualifying points Hellas entertained with football of genuine quality.

Beograd, by contrast, stumbled into the major round with two wins (one an uncertain 1-0 effort over Elizabeth City) and a 0-2 loss to Juventus.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP

But Beograd tossed aside the form book to achieve its shock result and destroy the promoter's dream of a Hellas-Juventus final.

Beograd boss Johnny Nyskohus was the first to admit that his team had enjoyed more than its fair share of good fortune during the initial 80 minutes and the eventual 10 minutes each-way of extra-time.

"Yes, we were lucky, but we were competitive and we lasted out the game well," Nyskohus said.

Stamina was an important ingredient as the game was played in oppressively hot conditions.

The final will put brother against brother as Beograd coach Johnny Nyskohus attempts to stop his elder brother Buggy leading Juventus to its second successive Ampol Cup win.

There was a fair share of brotherly rivalry in the second semi-final, with David Alberton of Juventus opposed to his brother Robbie Alberton of Azzurri and Azzurri goalkeeper David Miller on the opposite side to his striker brother Colin Miller.

The heroes of the first semi-final were Beograd goalkeeper Frank Pasquini, Rothmans Medal winner Paul Shillabeer of Beograd and match-winning goalscorer Sean Greaves, whose deflected

shot beat Hellas goalkeeper Gary Sproul.

Hellas was best served by Allan Scott, who created countless chances with his left flank crosses and Charlie Yankos in his first full game for his new club.

Santrac threw Juventus a Cup lifeline with his late goal, while our defenders Neville Flounders and Buggy Nyskohus were as reliable as ever.

The villains of the night were Hellas midfielder John Panagis, whose send-off thwarted any hope Hellas had of notching an equaliser and Azzurri midfielder Ossie Michelon, who got his marching orders in the second semi against Juventus.

SA CUP DETAILS

BEograd 1 (Greaves 82nd) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd: 4,731. (Double-header). Referee: John Miller 9. Cautions: A. Brazzale (B), Arezina (B), Manou (H). Sent-off: Panagis (H).

BEograd: Pasquini 9, A. Brazzale 8, Douglas 8, Shillabeer 9, Hancar 8, Welsh 8, Greaves 8, Rusmir 7, Preston 7, Millar 7, M. Brazzale. Subs: Arezina for M. Brazzale 51st, Krizman for Douglas 94th. Coach: Johnny Nyskohus.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7, Mousoulis 7, Scott 8, Hiern 7, Yankos 8, Honeyman 7, McLaughlin 7, Hristodoulou 7, Manou 6, Price 7, Konstandopoulos 6. Subs: Panagis for Konstandopoulos 41st, Brown for McLaughlin 81st. Coach: Neil McGachey.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Santrac 75th) AZZURRI 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 4,731 (Double-header). Referee: Jim Rossis 7. Cautions: Vidmar (J). Sent-off: O. Michelon (S).

JUVENTUS: McNally 8, Tobin (Higgins 8th) 7, D. Alberton 8, Nyskohus 8, Flounders 8, Santrac 7, Villani 6 (Miller 70th), Northcote 7, Maxwell 6, Vidmar 6, Mullen 8. Coach: Zoran Matic.

AZZURRI: D. Miller 8, F. Michelon 8, Kitchin 7 (Moretti 72nd), O. Michelon 7, R. Alberton 8, Zioa 8 (Roberts 76th), Francis 8, Ilcic 7, DeVita 6 (O'Connor 47th), Bojczuk 6, Giannitto 7. Coach: Joe Serafini.

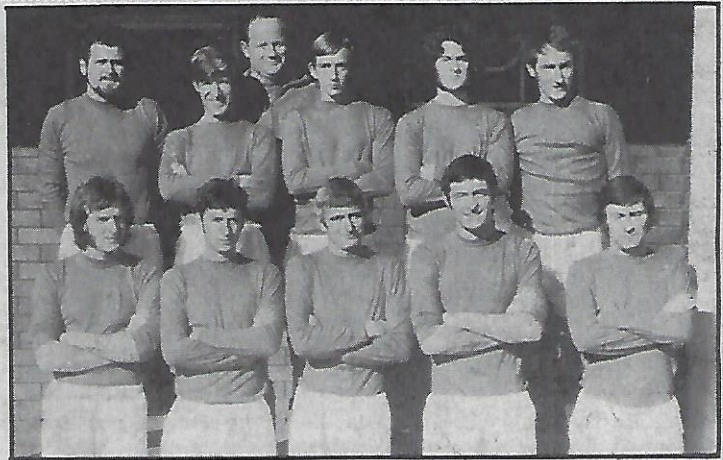
BLASTS FROM THE PAST



● **RALPH COATES**, England international of Tottenham Hotspur, revs up his team in one of 10 guest games for St. George Budapest in 1978. Ray Celestence, the England and Liverpool goalkeeper, played two guest games for the Saints that year.



● **CHARLIE GEORGE**, superstar of Arsenal and Derby County, tangles with Arthur Xanthopoulos of South Melbourne Hellas while guesting for St. George Budapest at Middle Park in 1977. Malcolm Macdonald played for Hellas in that match, which St. George won 3-2 in front of 14,000 people. Scorers were Rudi Gnani, Mark Jankovics and Charlie George for St. George, and Macdonald scored both goals for Hellas. Best players were Macdonald, Billy Rogers, Mike Pye and Xanthopoulos for Hellas, and Rob O'Shea, Ganvi, Phil O'Connor and Charlie George for St. George. Pictured in the background is Hellas full back Margaritis Hagegmanouli.



● **SYDNEY CROATIA, 1970**, featuring Tommy Randles and Nigel Shepherd who had played for Slavia in Melbourne, and Dave Taylor who, like Randles, represented New Zealand. From left, standing: Williams, Lincoln, Carr, Campbell, Wright. Front: Taylor, Ross, Randles, Shepherd, F. Cush.



● **MELBOURNE CROATIA, 1968** — the squad that won the Victorian State League, minus Billy Vojtek who was absent when the picture was taken. From left, standing: Kovacek, Bot, Young, J. McKay, McIntyre, Rau, Becsi, D. McKay, Friganovic. Front: Jimmy Vojtek, Kempt, McMeechan, Currie, Adlam.



● **GEORGE BEST**, legendary ball wizard of Manchester United and Northern Ireland, with Brisbane Lions in 1983. Standing, from left: John Stewart, Peter McClurg, David Niven, Alan Hunter, Danny Wright, Simon Kiste-



● **TONY TURNER**, the man who cost South Melbourne Hellas three competition points in 1978 because he had not been cleared properly from England, heads the ball clear in a match against Sydney Hakoah at Wentworth Park. Hellas finished last that season, but avoided relegation. Also pictured, from left: John Stevenson (Hak), Bertie Lutton (Hellas), Gerry Gomez (Hak) and Sammy Wright



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